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Amendment No. 2 to SJR0088

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AMEND Senate Joint Resolution No. 88* <>

by deleting the language of the introduced resolution in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

A RESOLUTION to urge the United States Congress to prevent any bilateral or multilateral agreement, partnership, or activity that seeks to harm the sovereignty of the United States.

WHEREAS, the Security and Prosperity Partnership of North America (SPP) is an initiative among the United States and the two nations it borders, Canada and Mexico, to increase security and to enhance prosperity among the three countries through greater cooperation; and

WHEREAS, while these goals may be laudable, the means of achieving these aims must be carefully considered by the American people; indeed, the very sovereignty of our great Nation may well hang in the balance; and

WHEREAS, we, as Americans, do not want a blending of jurisdictional autonomy, a loss of jobs, or an unaccountable governing body; and

WHEREAS, these efforts, if implemented, would pose a direct threat to the Constitution and national independence of the United States; and

WHEREAS, state and local governments throughout the United States could be negatively impacted by the SPP/North American process and the "open borders" vision of the SPP, which could result in eminent-domain takings of private property along planned superhighways and increased law enforcement problems along those superhighways; and

WHEREAS, this concept of a trilateral partnership (SPP) to develop a kind of North American merger has never been presented to Congress as an agreement or treaty; it has had no Congressional hearings and virtually no Congressional oversight of any kind; and

WHEREAS, any bilateral or multilateral agreement, partnership, or activity that seeks the economic integration of the United States with any other country should be undertaken only with the full knowledge and consent of the United States Congress and the American people; and

WHEREAS, the natural framework of our culture, our independence, and our system of laws must be diligently protected against any attempt to fold our national borders into a larger North American Union with Canada and Mexico; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that the Tennessee Congressional delegation is hereby urged and petitioned to be aware of and carefully consider our concerns before supporting the Security and Prosperity Partnership of North America or any activity that could lead to a transnational form of government that undermines our national sovereignty.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an enrolled copy of this resolution be transmitted to each member of the Tennessee Congressional delegation.